

FRENCH STOOD  
THEIR GROUND

Defeated Attack of the Germans at Butte du Mesnil

HEAVY ARTILLERY  
FIRING PRECEDED IT

Positions Recently Taken by the French Were Held

Paris, Feb. 27.—After a heavy bombardment, German troops in Champagne last night attempted to recapture the positions recently taken by the French at Butte du Mesnil. To-day's official report says the Germans were halted by the French fire.

GAS ATTACK  
ON U. S. MEN

Three Soldiers Killed and Nine Others Badly Gassed Before They Had Time to Put on Their Masks—Many Overcome While They Were Asleep.

With the American Army in France, Feb. 27.—(By Associated Press).—Three soldiers were killed and nine were badly gassed in a gas attack on American positions in the Toul sector yesterday morning with projectiles. The gas caught some before they were able to adjust their masks and it overcame others while they were asleep in their dugouts. The enemy also heavily bombarded American batteries with gas shells but without result.

GERMANY REFUSED  
AN ARMISTICE

German Detachments Continue to Advance and Revolutionary Government Calls for Resistance.

Petrograd, Feb. 27.—"Germany has formally refused to grant an armistice and German detachments continue to advance," says an official statement. "Resistance thus becomes the principal task of the revolution. If the attack on Petrograd continues, the government will remove to Moscow or some other place."

FRANCIS PREPARES  
TO QUIT PETROGRAD

Advices State Department That He Will Join Chinese and Japanese Embassies in Flight.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—The state department was advised yesterday by Ambassador Francis that on Monday the German army was only eight hours march from Petrograd and he was preparing to leave with his staff. The message said he would join the Chinese and Japanese diplomats. He did not refer to the plans of the European diplomats.

HUNDREDS DIED  
IN PANIC AND FIRE

Terrible Catastrophe Took Place at Races in Hong Kong When Spectators' Stands Collapsed.

London, Feb. 27.—In the collapse of the Chinese stands at the Hong Kong club races on Tuesday a hundred women and children were trampled to death, according to a Reuter dispatch from Hong Kong. Fire broke out and several hundred others were burned to death.

## GOVERNOR OF JERUSALEM.

Ronald Storrs Succeeds Borton Pasha There.

London, Feb. 27.—Ronald Storrs, who succeeds Borton Pasha as governor of Jerusalem, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, is a son of the dean of Rochester. He had a brilliant career in the service of the Egyptian government and filled important posts under Sir Eldon Gorst and the late Lord Kitchener. Mr. Storrs is an authority on oriental literature and a member of the commission for the preservation of Arab monuments. He is 37 years old and unmarried.

## CALL ESTHONIA NEUTRAL.

Following the Capture of Reval by the Germans.

London, Feb. 27.—The municipality of Reval, captured Monday by the Germans, has published a manifesto declaring the independence of Estonia, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Petrograd. Estonia is declared a neutral state.

## FACTORY INUNDAED.

Several Thousand Dollars' Damage Done at Brandon.

Brandon, Feb. 27.—An ice jam in the Neshobe river at Forestdale caused that stream to leave its channel and badly flood the Newton & Thompson Manufacturing Co.'s plant early yesterday morning. The water was several feet deep in the packing room and other parts of the plant. In the packing room was a large quantity of manufactured products all packed and ready for shipment. The output of this concern is made of wood, and the damage to the machinery and stock is estimated to be between \$2,500 and \$3,000. The factory had to be shut down on account of the damage done by the water.

DELAWARE VALLEY  
SHIPBUILDING CENTER

More Than One-Third of Vessels Called for by the Program of the United States Are Being Constructed There.

Philadelphia, Feb. 27.—More than one-third of the war vessels and merchant ships called for by the program of the United States government are being built in ship yards along the Delaware river, according to figures which have just been made public with the permission of the Emergency Fleet corporation. The tonnage contracted for, according to government officials, has transformed the Delaware valley into the greatest shipbuilding center in the world.

W. B. Ferguson, a representative of the Emergency Fleet corporation, estimates that an army of about 55,000 shipworkers will be required to complete the 272 ships, including war vessels, contracted for by the 11 shipbuilding plants between Trenton and Delaware City. Work on 120 cargo-carriers at the new government yard at Camden is progressing, and this plant is engaging to turn out 6,000,000 additional tons in 1918. More than 2,250,000 tons will be the Delaware river's first quota in the fleet which Uncle Sam relies on to help win the war.

At the new ship yard at Bristol, Pa., 40 ships are contracted for. Here more than 5,000 men are at work, and it is expected that 10,000 more will be necessary to complete the vessels on schedule. Ten vessels are being constructed at another new yard at Cornwells, Pa. The force there of 500 men will be increased to 2,000. At a well-known Philadelphia shipbuilding plant more than 40 ships are to be turned out. Most of these are government craft on which more than 5,000 men are engaged. Another thousand are needed here also.

In the big yard at Camden, N. J., across the river from Philadelphia, 7,200 men are building 24 ships. More workers are needed here also.

Two yards at Gloucester, N. J., are turning out 16 ships with a force of about 3,000 men. Twice this number of shipworkers is needed.

Two large plants, one a new one, at Chester, Pa., have contracted for 18 and 26 ships, respectively. One plant has only 1,700 men on the payroll and requires at least 3,000 more, according to the government figures. The other yard is employing 2,000 men, whereas at least 5,000 are necessary to complete its contracts.

The plant at Hog Island is now employing about 10,000 workers and officials there estimate that at least 32,000 are needed.

Work in one plant at Wilmington, Del., is progressing on 13 ships, on which 2,800 men are employed. This company is in the market for another 1,000 workers. At another plant in that city eight ships are being built by a force of 1,000 men, and officials require 1,500 more.

A drive under the auspices of the government is now being conducted throughout the country to register all men in the 87 trades allied with shipbuilding. Many of these mechanics are now engaged in other occupations and it is planned to transfer them to the shipyards without disturbing industry.

Labor difficulties and shortage of steel and other materials, it is expected, will trouble the original estimate of the cost of the ships contracted for. Recent investigation of the Delaware river plants indicated that most of the vessels being built will be completed in schedule time.

## A PERILOUS VOYAGE.

Across Atlantic Ocean by 11-Foot Submarine Chaser.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Safe arrival at an European port of a 110-foot submarine chaser with a French crew aboard which had not been heard from since Jan. 15, was announced yesterday by the navy department. The little craft was separated from her escort during a terrific gale while bound for Europe.

No navigation instruments were aboard but after being blown far off their position, the Frenchmen estimated their location and headed for port. To their remarkable seamanship is attributed the success of the voyage. With the engines disabled by the storm the crew rigged up sails from bed-coverings and sailed for 39 days.

Secretary Daniels announced the news in this statement:

"I was delighted to receive a message today telling of the arrival in port of an American built submarine chaser which became separated from her escort in the terrific gale of Jan. 15, had not been reported since that time, and which we feared was lost. This was one of the 110-foot boats which we are turning over to the French government, and was manned by a French crew, which saved the craft by a remarkable feat of navigation."

## GERMAN RAILWAYS LOSING.

Although the Receipts Have Increased \$115,000,000 Since War Started.

Amsterdam, Feb. 27.—The official information that the receipts of the German railways have increased by \$115,000,000 since the war might lead people to suppose that the railways had benefited by the war. The official reports, however, show that this is not the case. In consequence of the advances in wages and in the cost of all materials, the profits have not been fully absorbed, but there is an actual deficit, which is likely to increase.

## RUSSIAN DRAFTSmen QUIET.

Because Advances from Petrograd Are Very Uncertain.

London, Feb. 27.—Recent developments in Russia, have brought exchange dealings here practically to a standstill and it has been impossible for sellers of drafts on Petrograd and other Russian centers to ascertain whether instructions have been received by the Russian banks and if so whether they are in opposition to execute the instructions in view of recent government action prohibiting inter-bank operations.

RUSSIANS ARE  
FALLING BACK

Have Lost Borisoff and Are Evacuating Orsha and Smolinsk

HOLDING OF PSKOV  
IS STILL UNCERTAIN

Meanwhile the Bolsheviks Continue to Fight Their Own Countrymen

London, Feb. 27.—It is uncertain whether the Germans or Russians now hold Pskov. All reports confirm the earlier statement that the town frequently changed hands. An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Petrograd says that Borisoff, 60 miles northeast of Minsk, has been captured by the Germans and that Orsha and Smolinsk, northeast of Minsk, are being evacuated.

The Cossacks have retired from Rostov, pursued by the Bolshevik forces. General Nazarov, the Cossack leader, has been arrested.

LITHUANIA  
AS SACRIFICE

Will Be Joined to Saxony, According to Dresden Story, and Prince Frederick Christian, Will Be Named as King.

Zurich, Feb. 27.—Negotiations are in progress for the union of Lithuania and Saxony, according to a dispatch from Dresden, with Prince Frederick Christian, the second son of the king of Saxony, as king of Lithuania.

METHODIST UNION  
PRACTICALLY CERTAIN

Northern and Southern Branches of the Church Are Expected to Get Together Inside of Six Years.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 27.—Unification of two great branches of the Methodist church, the northern and the southern, with a combined membership of about 7,000,000 persons, is practically certain to take place within six years, according to a statement by Rev. Frank M. Thomas, pastor of the Fourth Avenue Methodist church, who has just returned from Savannah, Ga., where he spent two weeks as secretary of the joint commission appointed to consider plans for unification.

Another session of the joint commission will be held in St. Louis beginning April 10 for the purpose of adopting proposals already tentatively passed upon. "Only a thin line now divides the two great branches of Methodism," said Dr. Thomas. "Practically every problem of re-union has been solved. Another thing—the foundation of a new church has to be laid from the best elements of the old. We have really got to build a world church, for Methodism is at home in every land."

"The union of the Methodist Episcopal church and the Methodist Episcopal church, South, will make a membership of about 7,000,000 and we are expecting other Methodist organizations to come in later. One is the Methodist Protestant church. Another is the Japanese Methodist church, which has been independent. In forming a world church the idea is to have one general conference and in time, associate general conferences, one for northern Asia, one for India, one for Europe, one for South America and perhaps others later."

"The meeting at Savannah was most important and successful. The commission left feeling that solution of all problems involved in unification was near."

"If everything is agreed to at the St. Louis meeting the plan of unification can be brought before the Methodist church, South, for ratification at the general conference in Atlanta next May. While the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will not be held regularly until 1920, the bishops of that denomination have the authority to call a special session if they deem it best."

"Should the St. Louis session develop agreement on every point it would be four or six years before we could get everything working."

"It has been discovered that \$750,000 has been expended annually by the two great branches in competitive territory, places where one Methodist church could have done the work. This would be \$7,500,000 in ten years. We could save money with what they already have, to provide for all the superannuated ministers."

The name for the proposed new church has not been considered. Several titles are under consideration.

## MORE AVIATORS KILLED.

Their Machines Collided at Height of 1,000 Feet.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 27.—Cadet William J. Ciesinger was killed, and a pilot of the United States Army Air Corps was fatally injured at the army aviation camp near here late yesterday in a collision of airplanes which they were piloting. The machines fell about 1,000 feet and both were buried under the wreckage.

Weissinger was badly crushed while Ciesinger was killed instantly, while the other was so badly injured that he died later in the field hospital to which he was taken after the accident.

Weissinger, whose home was in Reuland, Miss., had done newspaper work in this city, Chicago and Washington. After war was declared he entered the officers' training camp at Fort Myer, Va., and received a commission as a lieutenant of cavalry. He resigned to enter the signal corps and came to the aviation school here a month ago.

## BARRE FORCES MOBILIZING

To Make a Grand Drive for Benefit of Red Cross Branch.

With one live general and a retinue of captains, lieutenants and corporals who have already shown unmistakable signs of super-vitality, the great and general committee of the Goose Green winter carnival and cattle show, to be staged in Howland hall March 6 and 7, began its drive to-day. The great and general is immediately concerned with the sale of tickets, and at noon reports came to headquarters that all but 3,000 of the pastebards had been sold. So it will be seen that people who intend to patronize the carnival must get quickly if they are to get under the wire.

The man who managed the local end of the Christmas week Red Cross membership campaign has been designated as general of the forces. He is V. E. Ayers, and the following teams have been created: No. 1, Capt. John B. Magnaghi, Lieut. Frank L. Small, Joseph Calcinai; No. 2, Capt. Stephen Rizzi, Lieut. J. F. Higgins, W. C. Johnson; No. 3, Capt. E. M. Tobin, Lieut. Henry Fasola, Paul Bianchi; No. 4, Capt. A. A. Milne, Lieut. Joseph Comelli; No. 5, Capt. C. B. Gladding, Lieut. E. J. Owens, N. B. Ball; No. 6, Capt. J. G. Kent, Lieut. E. D. Ladd, H. L. Campbell; No. 7, Capt. Frank Shea, Lieut. H. A. Phelps, P. M. Carr; No. 8, Capt. H. F. Cutler, Lieut. W. G. Reynolds, H. P. Hinman; No. 9, Capt. H. S. Parks, Lieut. L. O. Tracy, C. F. Millar.

To-day the committee wishes to emphasize the fact that every cent of the proceeds is to be spent for the Barre Red Cross and the nearby branches which have faithfully seconded the efforts of the parent branch. They include Granville, Westerville, East Barre, Washington and Orange.

Gifts continue to mount up, and as the opening of the carnival seems to be approaching on wings, the committee requests everyone who is contemplating a presentation to make known the donation at once. It will expedite the work of classifying the gifts and lessen considerably the amount of detail to be handled at the eleventh hour.

The following contributions are announced: Four dark Barre corner posts, lettered, H. D. Stevens Co., Inc.; one bushel of beans, W. C. Johnson; electric flat iron, Clinton F. Millar; \$30 worth of thrift stamps, postoffice attaches; \$10 cash, Dr. W. E. Lazell; one bushel of potatoes, H. A. Heit; oil painting, Supi. G. J. Seager of the Barre Town school; one bushel Irish Cobbler seed potatoes, free from rust and scab, Mrs. George H. Martin of Williamstown; pair of Queen Quality shoes, C. S. Andrews, automobile and two-barrel Ivers-Johnson 12-gauge shotgun, C. W. Averill & Co.; 10 pounds fresh roasted 35-cent coffee and one Green Mountain brand ham, Smith & Cummings; \$5 worth of Park theatre tickets, John B. Eames; dress suit, Mrs. A. J. Young; long-handled iron shovel, over 100 years old, James F. Curtis; lady's muff, Joseph Kovalsky; two flexible flyer sleds, Leslie Jackson; one pair of registered Rhode Island Reds, Clarence E. Foley; lady's leather suitcase, Frank McWhorter Co.

Add Goose Green correspondence: Dr. Will Drew, Goose Green, Vt.

Mr. Will Drew: After much consideration and solemn thought, my pardn and me have decided to present our committee with four corner posts to finish the lot that will be Col's hickie will adorn. We will guarantee the stock to be from the Rock of Ages, an initial letter will be cut on each post at any time after the big show. Yours, The H. D. Stevens Co., Inc.

Dr. Will Drew (Albany): Jackson has invited the members of the general and sideshow committees to meet in his hay loft at 29 South Main street this evening at 7 o'clock. Important business is in the offing, and every member is requested to attend.

Goose Green the 27. Will Drew Pres Red Cross Barre Vt.

Your dear Will Drew, all, things be buzzin' out here on the Green like thunder during hayin. Everybody iz workin' miter hard tew fetch on lots of money fer the Red Cross.

Virgie Ayers iz established in his headquarters an his teens be coverin' the whole country side ter sell tickets an accept gifts. Vir Curtis will tak keer of the Washington tickets, tickets an sell them about their hillbilly Holstein calves. F. Sargent will dew the sam en East Barre. Others will be announced later.

Uriah Barr is dewing a lot of drivin thru the country fer gifts, an duzzint hev tew help himself much. Clint give a flat iron, an we be waitin fer the many-facturers an banks an Curlew Revocor enroun themselves. Ernie Brown hev started yit with his hauns an hosses an ottomobile, but will sume. F. Austing hev dun his hit tew. D. Smith iz sum boy, isnt he, Will?

Tel every budy tew his tickets fer sartin.

Yore frens, Goose Green Community S. Yu iz wate an see what we will hev fer entertainment en the Barre. Et will be wurrth 25 dollars of eny farmers money.

P. S. 2 Hev u hurd from Montpelier Seminary yit?

## GOVERNMENT CONTROL

Of Fertilizer Industry Ordered By President Wilson.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Government control of the fertilizer industry was ordered by President Wilson last night in a proclamation requiring manufacturers and distributors to obtain licenses from the secretary of agriculture or before March 20. Authority for the act is contained in the food control law.

Licenses must be obtained not only by makers, importers, stores and sellers of fertilizer, but of its ingredients as well. Applications for licenses will be made to the food administration, but they will be issued by Secretary Houston, who is charged in the proclamation with enforcement of the regulations to be issued.

HOSPITAL SHIP  
FOULLY SUNK

The Glenart Castle, Outward Bound, Carried No Patients

SOME SURVIVORS  
BROUGHT TO LAND

But a Large Number Are Thought to Have Been Lost

London, Feb. 27.—The British hospital ship Glenart Castle was sunk yesterday in the Bristol channel between England and Wales. The official report to-day says the vessel was outward bound with all her lights burning. There were no patients aboard. The survivors were landed by an American destroyer. Eight boats are still afloat.

## LANDED ON WELSH COAST.

Thirty-Four Survivors of the Glenart Castle Brought in To-day.

Swansea, Wales, Feb. 27.—Thirty-four survivors of the Glenart Castle have been landed here. The number aboard the vessel is said to have been 200.

CANNED GOODS  
REQUISITIONED

Government Orders All Canners to Hold for War Purposes All Corn, Peas, Tomatoes, String Beans and Salmon.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—All canners were advised to-day by the food administration to hold for war purposes, until further advise, all canned corn, peas, tomatoes, string beans and salmon now on hand.

## READY TO DO HIS BIT.

But Sergeant F. R. Cerasoli Would Like to Visit Barre.

Mrs. Pauline Cerasoli of 31 Berlin street is in receipt of the following letter from her son, Serg. F. R. Cerasoli of the 6th company, 101st ammunition train, A. E. F., now in France:

Dear Mother: I received your letter of Dec. 4 and I was very pleased to hear from you. Tell Joe I received his package with Ugo's package inside and I appreciated both to the limit. Glad to hear that Barre is the same. I like France very much. It is warmer here we are camping than it is in the states. We are in good quarters and getting good eats. I suppose you are having very cold weather now. We haven't a bit of snow on the ground where we are camping. I would like to be in Barre, but we have to do our little bit, so France is satisfactory to me till I get back to Barre, Vt., again. I heard about that ceremony they had at the Hedding church. Tell brother John I am proud of him. Good for Johnnie, I thank Gelsey Monti for taking him. I got a nice box from the Hedding church and I appreciated it very much. Also received the box from the deacons and believe me, mother, it was a good one. O, that cake! I hope you have received everything I sent you. How are Bertina and Johnnie getting along in school? Hope Idaho is in good health and everything going well with him. Lots of love, F. R. Cerasoli.

## MAY TAKE VERMONT MAN.

Dr. Hillegas Mentioned for Superintendent of Schools in New York.

Through a New York newspaper, it comes out that Dr. M. E. Hillegas, Vermont commissioner of education, is being considered as a candidate for superintendent of schools of New York City. It is said that a dozen educators have been recommended for the position, the number including the superintendents of schools in Detroit, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Los Angeles, the state superintendent of New Jersey, and the heads of several western colleges.

When seen by a Times representative at Montpelier to-day, Dr. Hillegas said that he knew nothing of the matter except what had appeared in the newspapers and had nothing to say except that he was gratified that the Vermont educational system had been recognized in this way.

## ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST

Died in Philadelphia Last Evening, Being in His 75th Year.

Philadelphia, Feb. 27.—The Most Rev. Edmund Francis Prendergast, archbishop of Philadelphia, died at the archiepiscopal residence here last night of diabetes. He was stricken on Dec. 15 last and had been confined to his bed virtually ever since. He was in his 75th year.

Archbishop Prendergast was the third archbishop of Philadelphia and seventh of the series of prelates who have occupied the see established by Pope Pius II in 1808. He had been archbishop since May, 1911. Previous to that, since February, 1907, he was auxiliary to the late Archbishop Ryan, with the title of Bishop of Scilio. He also held the office of vicar-general.

## CAPT. VARNUM ACROSS.

Word Received Last Evening Telling of His Arrival.

Word was received last evening by Mrs. Guy R. Varnum of North street telling of the safe arrival abroad of her husband, Capt. Varnum, who sailed from an Atlantic port nearly three weeks ago for overseas duty.

Rev. B. G. Lipsky will hold a union prayer meeting at the home of Mrs. E. H. Hooker, 181 Prospect street, on Thursday evening at 7:30. A most cordial invitation is extended to everyone in that community.

THEATRE LICENSE  
FEES DISCUSSED

But Aldermen Took No Action Last Evening—Proposals Run from \$25 to \$50 Per Year for "Movies."

Precipitated by a majority report in which the license committee recommended a radical reduction in theatre license fees, a breach in the board of aldermen last evening left the members in disagreement over the proposal to assess fees of \$25 and \$50 per year for movie houses. Over again, two members of the committee and others supporting the reduced schedule were the aldermen who preferred to await the decision of the supreme court, now pending, in which the city's right to assess a \$2 per diem license fee is to be decided. It was not the first time that the aldermen have been asked to consider a plan for reducing a license fee that has usually in the past the prayer for relief has come from the movie people.

The report set forth the claim that the license committee is anxious to see the situation clear and followed with the recommendation that license fees be assessed on the basis of \$25 per year for theatres with a seating capacity under 500, and \$50 per year for theatres seating more than 500 people. Alderman Rossi, the third member of the committee, declined to subscribe to the report, which bore the signature of Aldermen Milne and Alexander. It was argued by the majority members that the city is getting nothing from one theatre at the present time, and that in the more attractive rate advocated in the report might prompt the theatre man to pay. Alderman Healy was of much the same mind, although he preferred to leave it all to the discretion of the committee. Someone moved to refer it back to the committee and Alderman Milne, after denouncing on the propriety of such a motion, asked for a ruling from the chair. President Loranger stated that the motion, in his belief, had the parliamentary prerequisites. After it had carried, the chair asked for an expression of opinion from each member. The tabulated score follows:

Alderman Milne: Anxious to straighten out movie tangle and favored action by the aldermen.

Alderman Healy: Stands for a reasonable fee and says that nothing is to be gained by getting a supreme court decision; public must be amused.

Alderman Reynolds: Stated that Alderman Healy had changed his opinion since last year; favored a decision from the court, now that the city has paid for it.

Alderman Rossi: Believed \$2 per diem to be rather steep, but favored prosecuting present test case that city may have its powers defined.

Alderman Alexander: Anxious to have the matter settled at once. Mayor Glysson: Wants supreme court decision and favored motion recommending report to license committee for further consideration.

Requests from the Goose Green for permission to stage a horse race on North Main street March 6, from the Masons for the use of the opera house March 14, and from the Odd Ladies for the opera house March 1, were received. What the Goose Green asks for is this: the Masons are to have the opera house, inasmuch as the proceeds of the lecture by George Adam are to be given to the Red Cross. In discussing the request of the Odd Ladies it developed that the lodge is going to take one-half of the minstrel show proceeds Friday evening for its own use, the other half going to the Red Cross.

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The motion to discontinue the insurance was made by Alderman Reynolds. It is proposed to insure from the city's private insurance fund.

The recommendation from the license committee that Weston Walker be given a plumber's license was tabled by the vote of 2 to 1. Chief of Police Sinclair's January report, referring to 25 arrests for intoxication, three for breach of the peace and three for robbery from the person, was read and accepted. A letter from the superintendent of the state school in Brandon stated that the mother of a boy traveling to the institution from Waverly, Mass., had paid his fare, and on the motion of Alderman Healy the money appropriated by the council for that purpose was turned into the city treasury.

Warrants were approved as follows: Street department payroll, \$150.92; G. W. Gorman, postoffice, \$1.32; stamps; engineering department payroll, \$35.79; water department payroll, \$62.97; fire department payroll, \$150.46; police department payroll, \$136.16; G. A. Bemis, \$16, services as janitor; William Stephens, \$28.00; D. D. Sullivan, \$28.00; L. O. Tracy, \$30, service as auditor; J. P. Spencer, \$36, compensation.

## BASEMENT FLOODED.

B. W. Hooker & Co. and Blanchard Block Co. the Losers.

Another loss aggregating some hundreds of dollars was incurred by B. W. Hooker & Co. and the Blanchard Block Co. over night, when water released by the recent thaw passed over the manhole at the corner of Prospect street and Exchange street and entered the basement of the Blanchard building. All through several rooms where furniture, bedding and undertaking supplies are stored by Hooker & Co., the water poured its way, attaining in places a depth of two and three feet. It flooded the boiler room and extinguished the fires. Some of the goods may be salvaged, but finer assortments of bedding, lace curtains, etc., are probably ruined.

Once before within a few years water coming down Washington street hill and sweeping into Prospect street sought the level in Hooker & Co.'s basement. Much of the damage was charged to a plugged catch basin near the city hall corner in Enterprise alley and the furniture people, failing to obtain a settlement from the city, carried the case to court, where the judge found for the defendant. To-day's inundation caused a general mustering of block tenants in the basement and the water quickly subsided, leaving a muddy deposit inches thick.

FEAR 30 DEAD  
ON CHEROKEE

Naval Tug Found off the Delaware Capes

10 SURVIVORS  
TO HAVE LANDED

Several Bodies Are Being Brought to Philadelphia

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—The naval tug Cherokee, formerly the tug Edgar F. Luckenbach of the Luckenbach Steamship company and requisitioned by the navy last October, founded off the Fenwick island lightship, 22 miles south of the Delaware capes. The navy department was advised to-day that incoming ships were carrying several bodies to Philadelphia and that ten survivors were reported as landed at some point on the coast. They were the only ones known of out of the complement of five officers and 35 enlisted men.

The navy department made this announcement: "The navy department is advised that the U. S. S. Cherokee, a navy tug, founded yesterday morning off the Atlantic coast. Of the 40 aboard, five officers and 35 enlisted men, ten had been landed at last accounts, these having been taken to Philadelphia. Four dead were picked up by steamships. Ten known survivors got away on the first lifeboat. Four got away on a second lifeboat but two were washed overboard and the other two were dead when picked up by a British steamer."

## TEN BODIES BROUGHT

And Ten Survivors of the Naval Tug Cherokee.

Philadelphia, Feb. 27.—A British steamship, which anchored in the Delaware river this morning, signalled that she had on board ten survivors and the bodies of ten of the crew of the Cherokee.

## Some Died After Rescue.

New York, Feb. 27.—Two of the 11 members of the Cherokee's crew taken aboard a British steamer, which responded to a call for help, died soon afterward, according to officers of an American steamship which arrived here to-day.

## BARRE CHILDREN PATRIOTIC.

In One Week's Time They Bought \$